posted in the State on internal security, counter-insurgency and border duties are already equipped with suitable weapons.

Crimes on Tripura-Bangaldesh Border

984. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that crimes on Tripura-Bangladesh border are on the increase;

(b) if so, what is the nature of such crimes; and

(c) what steps are being taken to strengthen the BSF in Tripura-Bangladesh border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Except in the case of cattle lifting where there has been some increase in the year 1986 over the period 1985, there has been no increase in the case of crimes like dacoity, robbery, theft, kidnapping and smuggling of goods on Tripura-Bangladesh border.

(c) The BSF who are guarding the Indo-Bangladesh border including Tripura border is constantly on the alert. The Government of India have also sanctioned additional Bns. of BSF for Indo-Bangladesh border for extra vigilance in a 5-year expansion programme of BSF.

Opening of Sales Centres of NTC in Andhra Pradesh

985. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sales centres of the National Textile Corporation along with their locations in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal to establish more sales centres of NTC in Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Plan period; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) There are 28 showrooms of NTC in Andhra Pradesh. A statement showing the locations of these showrooms is attached. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) At present, there is no proposal for opening more showrooms in Andhra Pradesh. New showrooms are opened keeping in view their viability and need.

Statement

The List of Showrooms with locations in Andhra Pradesh

1 Enfabs showroom,
ACC Centre,
Secundrabad.

2 Distribution Sales Depot,
159, Gunfoundry Road,
Hyderabad—500001.

3 Enfabs Showroom,
5-1-740, Bank Street,
Hyderabad—500001.

4 Enfabs Showroom,
5-4-423/6, Station Road,
Nampally, Hyderabad.

5 Enfabs Showroom,
1-1-212, Chikkadapally,
Hyderabad—500020.

6 Enfabs Showroom,
22-5-512, Dabirpura,
Hyderabad—500002.

7 Enfabs Showroom, BHEL Township,
Old Super Bazar Building,
Ramchandrapuram, Hyderabad (A.P.).

8 Enfabs Showroom,
Adj. to Saraswathi,
Picture Palace Station Road,
Guntur.

9 Enfabs Showroom,
27-23-146/147, Gopal Reddy Road,
Vijayawada.

10 Enfabs Showroom,
25/525, Fort Road,
Machalipatnam—521001.

11 Enfabs Showroom,
22-1-49, Ground Floor,
Gandhi Chowk, Tenali.

12 Enfabs Showroom,
Opp. Nandi Vigraham,
Taluq Office Road,
Tadepalligudem—542101.

13 Enfabs Showroom,
Municipal Office, Main Road,
Eluru—534001.

14 Enfabs Showroom,
Main Road, Opp. Maharashtra Bank,
Anakapally—531001.

15 Enfabs Showroom,
25-1-5, Ist Floor, AVN College, Road,
Visakhapatnam—530001.

16 Enfabs Showroom,
Shop, No. 30-46-25, Main Road,
Visakhapatnam.

17 Enfabs Showroom,
16-1-48, M. G. Road,
Vizianagaram—531202.

18 Enfabs Showroom,
4-9-58, Main Road,
Hanamkonda—506001.

19 Enfabs Showroom,
Besides SBH Road,
Karimnagar—505001.

20 Enfabs Showroom,
Shop No. 24, Anantapur,
Municipal Shopping Complex,
Anantapur—515001.

21 Enfabs Showroom,
Bamboo Bazar, Nehru Road,
Kurnool—518001.

22 Enfabs Showroom,
D. No. 19/1/—A/1, Madras Road,
Cuddapah.

23 Enfabs Showroom,
D. No. 2,, Ward No. XIX,
Municipal Main Road,
ADONI.

24 Enfabs Showroom.
Gold Market Centre, Main Road,
Kakinada.

25 Enfabs Showroom,
224, Nazar Street
Tirupati Chittoor Dist.

26 Enfabs Showroom,
Shop No. 5, Super Market,
Gulbarga—585101.

27 Enfabs Showroom,
Opp. Sangam Theatre,
Bidar.

28 Enfabs Showroom.
Shop No. 13, Baroon Quila,
Raichur.

Pending applications for the issue of passports

986. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications for the issue of passports are pending for clearence at the Regional Passport Office, Hyderabad (A.P.) as on date;

(b) how many applications are pending for more than three months and for more than six months;

(c) what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action Government have taken for their early disposal?